

3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Sestak OF Pennsylvania,  
OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES.

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1429, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. SESTAK OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Page 159, after line 12, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1       “(g) INCENTIVES FOR HEAD START TEACHERS AND  
2 EARLY HEAD START TEACHERS.—

3               “(1) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—It is the pur-  
4       pose of this subsection to encourage individuals to  
5       begin and continue teaching in Head Start programs  
6       and Early Head Start programs.

7               “(2) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

8               “(A) IN GENERAL.—From the sums appro-  
9       priated pursuant to paragraph (9), the Sec-  
10       retary of Education, in consultation with the  
11       Secretary of Health and Human Services, is au-  
12       thorized carry out a program to forgive, in ac-  
13       cordance with this subsection, the student loan  
14       debt of any borrower who has one or more  
15       loans described under subparagraph (B) made  
16       on or after October 1, 1998, and who—

17               “(I) commits to working as a Head  
18       Start teacher or an Early Head Start

1 teacher for at least 3 consecutive complete  
2 program years;

3 “(ii) has a bachelor’s degree in a field  
4 related to early childhood education; and

5 “(iii) is not in default on a loan for  
6 which the borrower seeks forgiveness.

7 “(B) METHOD OF LOAN FORGIVENESS.—

8 To provide the loan forgiveness authorized in  
9 subparagraph (A), the Secretary of Education,  
10 in consultation with the Secretary of Health  
11 and Human Services, shall, subject to subpara-  
12 graph (C), carry out a program—

13 “(I) through the holder of the loan, to  
14 assume the obligation to repay a qualified  
15 loan amount for a loan made under section  
16 428 or 428H of the Higher Education Act  
17 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078, 1078–8); and

18 “(ii) to cancel a qualified loan amount  
19 for a Federal Direct Stafford Loan or a  
20 Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford  
21 Loan made under part D of title IV of  
22 such Act (20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq.).

23 “(C) TREATMENT OF CONSOLIDATION  
24 LOANS.—A loan amount for a loan made under  
25 section 428C or section 455(g) of such Act (20

1 U.S.C. 1078–3, 1087e(g)) may be a qualified  
2 loan amount for the purposes of subparagraph  
3 (B) only to the extent that such loan amount  
4 was used to repay a loan made under section  
5 428 or 428H, a Federal Direct Stafford Loan,  
6 or a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford  
7 Loan for a borrower who meets the require-  
8 ments of subparagraph (A), as determined in  
9 accordance with regulations prescribed by the  
10 Secretary of Education, in consultation with the  
11 Secretary of Health and Human Services.

12 “(3) QUALIFIED LOAN AMOUNT.—After the be-  
13 ginning of the qualifying employment described in  
14 paragraph (2)(A)(I) and upon approval of a bor-  
15 rower’s application under paragraph (5), the Sec-  
16 retary of Education, in consultation with the Sec-  
17 retary of Health and Human Services, shall forgive  
18 under this subsection not more than \$10,000 of the  
19 student loan obligation of a borrower that is out-  
20 standing at the beginning of such employment.

21 “(4) AWARD BASIS.—Loan forgiveness under  
22 this subsection shall be on a first-come, first-served  
23 basis and subject to the availability of appropria-  
24 tions.

25 “(5) APPLICATION FOR FORGIVENESS.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each borrower desir-  
2           ing loan forgiveness under this subsection shall  
3           submit a complete and accurate application to  
4           the Secretary of Education at such time, in  
5           such manner, and containing such information  
6           as the Secretary of Education, in consultation  
7           with the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
8           ices, may require.

9           “(B) SERVICE AGREEMENT.—Each such  
10          application shall contain an agreement by the  
11          borrower—

12                 “(I) to complete the commitment de-  
13                 scribed in paragraph (2)(A)(I) within 6  
14                 years after receiving loan forgiveness under  
15                 this subsection; or

16                 “(ii) to repay the portion required by  
17                 the regulations under paragraph (6)(A) if  
18                 the borrower does not complete such com-  
19                 mitment.

20          “(6) REPAYMENT FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE  
21          SERVICE.—

22                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the event that any  
23                 recipient of loan forgiveness under this sub-  
24                 section fails or refuses to complete a portion of  
25                 the recipient’s service obligation under the

1           agreement required by paragraph (5)(B), the  
2           same portion of the amounts of loans forgiven  
3           under this subsection for such recipient shall be  
4           subject to repayment in accordance with terms  
5           and conditions, and in the amounts, specified  
6           by the Secretary of Education, in consultation  
7           with the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
8           ices, in regulations under this subsection.

9           “(B) FORGIVENESS IF DECEASED OR DIS-  
10          ABLED.—Such regulations shall provide that,  
11          subject to the availability of appropriations, an  
12          individual shall be excused from repayment of  
13          any amount required under paragraph (1) if the  
14          individual dies or becomes permanently and to-  
15          tally disabled (as determined in accordance with  
16          such regulations).

17          “(7) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Edu-  
18          cation, in consultation with the Secretary of Health  
19          and Human Services, is authorized to issue such  
20          regulations as may be necessary to carry out the  
21          provisions of this subsection.

22          “(8) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sub-  
23          section shall be construed to authorize any refunding  
24          of any repayment of a loan.

1           “(9) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2           There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
3           this subsection such sums as may be necessary for  
4           fiscal year 2008 and each of the 4 succeeding fiscal  
5           years.

6           “(10) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

7           “(A) HEAD START TEACHER.—The term  
8           ‘Head Start teacher’ means an individual  
9           who—

10                   “(I) is employed by a Head Start  
11                   agency or an entity that carries out an  
12                   Early Head Start program, to provide for  
13                   the education and care of children who  
14                   have not reached the age of compulsory  
15                   school attendance who are enrolled in a  
16                   Head Start program or an Early Head  
17                   Start program receiving funds under the  
18                   Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et. seq.);  
19                   and

20                   “(ii) who has, at a minimum, an asso-  
21                   ciate’s degree in early childhood education  
22                   or a related field.

23           “(B) PROGRAM YEAR.—The term ‘program  
24           year’, where applied to service as a Head Start  
25           teacher or an Early Head Start teacher, means

1 a program year as defined by the Secretary of  
2 Health and Human Services.”.